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WASHINGTON, January 28, 1985 -- Both orders and deliveries of new freight cars increased sharply over 1983 levels during 1984, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders increased from 6,064 in 1983 to 15,460 during 1984. Of the 1984 total, 15,054 were ordered new from carbuilders and 406 were to be built new in railroad shops.

Deliveries jumped from 5,872 in 1983 to 12,396 in 1984. Locomotive deliveries also increased substantially, rising from 318 in 1983 to 569 in 1984.

In December, deliveries of new freight cars increased from 745 in 1983 to 796 in 1984. A total of 109 locomotives were delivered, the same as in December 1983.

Orders for new freight cars dropped slightly in December, from 805 in 1983 to 751 in 1984.

As of January 1, 1985, 5,154 cars were on order but undelivered, compared with 5,199 on December 1 and 3,271 on January 1, 1984. Average monthly backlog increased in 1984 from 3,926 in 1983 to 6,154.

Also as of January 1, 1985, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 108, compared with 175 a month earlier and 91 a year earlier.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

## DELIVERED

| | December | | November | Twelve Months | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1984 | 1983 | 1984 | 1984 | 1983 |
| Built New by Car Builders | 796 | 745 | 1,225 | 12,396 | 5,570 |
| Built New in R.R. Shops | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 |
| Built New - Total | 796 | 745 | 1,225 | 12,396 | 5,772 |
| Rebuilt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| TOTAL DELIVERED | 796 | 745 | 1,225 | 12,396 | 5,872 |
| Locomotives | 109 | 109 | 60 | 569 | 318 |

## ORDERED

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To be built New by Car Builders | 751 | 805 | 525 | 15,054 | 5,962 |
| To be built New in R.R. Shops | 0 | 0 | 0 | 406 | 2 |
| To be built New - Total | 751 | 805 | 525 | 15,460 | 5,964 |
| To be rebuilt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| TOTAL ORDERED | 751 | 805 | 525 | 15,460 | 6,064 |

## ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

| | January 1 | | December 1 | Average | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1985 | 1984 | 1984 | 1984 | 1983 |
| To be built New by Car Builders | 4,748 | 3,271 | 4,793 | 5,969 | 3,880 |
| To be built New in R.R. Shops | 406 | 0 | 406 | 185 | 23 |
| To be built New - Total | 5,154 | 3,271 | 5,199 | 6,154 | 3,903 |
| To be rebuilt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| TOTAL ON ORDER | 5,154 | 3,271 | 5,199 | 6,154 | 3,926 |
| Locomotives | 108 | 91 | 175 | 167 | 116 |

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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